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Year	Total Grant Award	State Library Services*	Grants to Libraries	Public Library Construction
1983	\$ 440,909	\$ 376,445	\$ 64,464	-0-
1984	690,079	364,560	104,996	\$ 220,523
1985	673,787	359,560	148,571	\$ 165,656
1986	647,339	366,340	126,812	\$ 154,187
1987	680,372	419,148	106,334	\$ 154,890
1988	679,707	383,502	138,882	\$ 157,323
1989	673,849	373,055	146,512	\$ 154,282
1990	<u>\$ 663,971</u>	<u>\$ 371,119</u>	<u>\$ 150,112</u>	<u>\$ 142,740</u>
Totals	\$5,150,013	\$3,013,729	\$ 986,683	\$1,149,601

* LSCA funds are used to support services from the State Library, currently 35% of budgeted operating costs. Federally funded operations primarily support statewide library development, reference and interlibrary loans for local libraries, library services to residents of the state's institutions and services for blind and physically handicapped persons.

Federal funds for libraries began in 1956 with the Library Services Act. It provided support to public libraries, primarily in rural areas.

In 1964, library funding was broadened with the Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA). Three titles of this act provide grant funds administered by the Montana State Library Commission and the Montana State Library:

Title I - Public Library Services: extension of library services to citizens without services or who are inadequately served because of distance, physical handicaps, or other disadvantages.

Title II - Public Library Construction: construction of new, or remodeling of existing facilities, to reach new and/or underserved users; improve energy conservation; enhance technology, and to meet standards, particularly to create or improve access for handicapped persons.

Title III - Interlibrary Cooperation: coordination of resources of school, public, academic and special libraries; the establishment and operation of local, regional and interstate cooperative networks.

RESOURCE SHARING & TECHNOLOGY

1983-86 - MONCAT - A computerized statewide catalog.

1983-88 - Retrospective Conversion Projects - "Recon" funding has enabled libraries to enter their holdings into the Western Library Network (WLN).

1986 - Montana Indian Community College Library Interest Group - Retrospective conversion for Indian Community Colleges.

1986 - Conspectus Database - Program to assess library collections.

1987 - LaserCat - Enables libraries to have disk copies of information about what resources are available through Western Library Network.

1987-88 - Great Falls Public Library Retrospective Conversion - Provided for the Great Falls Library's conversion of 113,741 titles to computer-readable records and for the addition of these titles to the Western Library Network database.

1987-88 - CD-ROM Technology for Montana Libraries - Enabled a public and school library in each federation area and an academic and special library to receive the Western Library Network database.

CONTINUING EDUCATION & PILOT PROJECTS

1986 - Multitype/Multijurisdictional Library Card - Demonstrated feasibility of issuing library cards which could be used in a variety of libraries.

1986 - Missoula Library Literacy Project - Developed a core collection of resource materials and programming for literacy including training volunteers and a public relations campaign emphasizing national literacy themes.

1987-88 - Collection Development Management Workshops - Provided workshops on collection management and collection assessment for libraries to meet community needs.

1988 - Reference Study - Provided vital reference training for libraries; also examined how best to use available information resources and improve the quality of reference work.

1988 - School/Public Library Demonstration Project - Expanded selected school libraries to serve as public libraries in communities that would otherwise have no access.

1988 - Implementation of Institutional Needs Assessment Recommendations - The traveling trunk program was put in place as a result of the 1986 institutional needs assessment; seven trunks containing approximately 110 library materials each are circulated among five institutional libraries in the Deer Lodge valley.

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PLANNING AND NEEDS ASSESSMENT

1984 - Long Range Plan Development - Developed a long range plan to set goals for the Library Commission.

1986 - Institutional Needs Assessment - Examined library service in Montana's institutions, assessed needs and provided recommendations for more effective service.

1986 - Continuing Education Plan - State Library Commission appointed a statewide committee to prepare a long range plan for continuing education for professional, technical and clerical library personnel.

1986 - Film Service Needs Assessment - Assessed status of public library film service in Montana and statewide survey of visual practices and preferences.

1986 - Deaf Needs Assessment - Assessed library needs of deaf community and produced recommendations for improved services.

1987-88 - Law Revision Committee - A State Library Commission-appointed committee studied library laws and worked toward revising those needing expansion, updating or change.

1988 - Interlibrary Loan (ILL) Study - Examined volume and cost of ILL service in Montana; resulting information was helpful in the 1989 Legislature's decision to provide state funding for ILL reimbursement.

CONSTRUCTION

FY '88 Construction Projects: \$3,000 to remodel the entrance to the Plains Public Library; \$107,322 to construct a new Belgrade Public Library; \$3,000 to improve handicapped access to the Bitterroot Public Library in Hamilton; \$36,500 to build an addition to the Lincoln Community Library, and \$10,000 to improve handicapped access to the Chouteau County Free Library, Fort Benton.

FY '89 Construction Projects: \$153,635 to construct an addition to the Lewistown City Library, and \$647 to add heat to the basement area of the John Gregory Library, Whitehall.

FY '90 Construction Projects: \$27,000 to remodel the Wedsworth Memorial Library in Cascade to increase energy efficiency and improve handicapped accessibility; \$52,740 to add a new public library to the existing school facility; \$5,000 to remodel for additional space utilization at the Daniels County Library, Scobey; \$58,000 to Meagher County-City Library in White Sulphur Springs to acquire an existing building and remodel it to house the library.

FY '89 & '90 PROJECTS FOR LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT & NETWORKING

Current Projects

Founders Fee to Join WLN allowed Montana to become a founding member of the new Western Library Network.

Voluntary Certification Task Force designed a voluntary certification plan for Montana's public libraries.

Materials Delivery Project of Interlibrary Loan materials involved libraries in west central and western Montana.

Cooperative Collection Development Projects involved the state's academic libraries in one cooperative effort and Montana's Federal Document Depository libraries in another.

Blue Ribbon Panel on Libraries at Risk examined the full range of problems and opportunities facing all of Montana's libraries and made recommendations for action.

Retrospective Conversion Projects added some holdings of the statewide Last Copy Fiction Pool located at Parmly Billings Library to WLN and also enabled the Montana State Historical Society Library to add pre-1940 state publications to the WLN database.

Technology Workshops teamed national experts in library automation with approximately 100 Montana librarians.

Recording Equipment enabled the Montana State Prison to assist the Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped to record Montana and regional library materials.

Training Funds to help a Montana student complete a Master's Program in Library and Information Science and return to work in one of the state's public or institutional libraries.

Governor's Conference on Library and Information Services held January 6-8, 1991, was preceded by regional meetings in each of the six federation areas and a statewide conference for Native Americans.